GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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MANUFACTURING OF LOW COST FERROUS SULPHATE MEDICINE
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge difference in the prices of various medicines containing iron;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether pharmaceutical companies have been asked to manufacture ferrous sulphate medicine at low cost as this medicine is considered to be an effective remedy to anemia; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARTLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) & (b): The prices of 74 bulk drugs specified in the First Schedule of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 95) and the formulations based thereon are controlled in accordance with the provisions of the DPCO, 95 by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA). NPPA has not carried out any study regarding huge differences in the prices of various medicines containing iron.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise in view of reply (c), as above.